

Request for Comments on Proposed Rule Change

The Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) requests comments on the following proposed change to the JBCC Rules.

Senate Bill 807, which will become effective September 1, 2015, requires certain changes to licensing procedures for military service members, military veterans, and military spouses. The proposed addition of subsection (d) to Rule 3.1 incorporates the statutory changes. The proposed Rule change and the text of Senate Bill 807 follow.

Comments must be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015 to the Judicial Branch Certification Commission, c/o Office of Court Administration, P.O. Box 12066, Austin, Texas 78711-2066, or by email to jbcc@txcourts.gov. Comments received will be publicly available and may be posted to the JBCC website.

The JBCC will consider the proposed amendments and any comments received at its next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Currently, that meeting is set for October 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

1 ***3.1 Initial Applications***

2 (a) All applications for certification, registration, and licensing must be submitted on forms
3 published on the Commission's website and accompanied by the appropriate application fee,
4 except as provided in (d). In appropriate circumstances, the Commission may require an
5 applicant to submit information in addition to that called for on the application forms.

6 (b) An applicant must comply with submission requirements stated on the application form.
7 Incomplete applications will not be processed.

8 (c) An applicant must provide the Commission with his or her Texas and national criminal
9 history records by fingerprint search according to directions published on the Commission's
10 website. The criminal history searches must be conducted no more than 90 days before an
11 application is submitted.

12 (d) The application and examination fees are waived for each applicant who is:

13 (1) A military service member or military veteran whose military service, training or
14 education substantially meets all of the requirements for certification, registration, or
15 licensing; or

16 (2) A military service member, military veteran, or military spouse who holds a current
17 license issued by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are
18 substantially equivalent to the requirements for certification, registration, or licensing, as
19 applicable, in this state.

S.B. No. 807

AN ACT

relating to occupational license application and examination fees for certain military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 55.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.009. LICENSE APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FEES.

Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency that issues a license shall waive the license application and examination fees paid to the state for an applicant who is:

(1) a military service member or military veteran whose military service, training, or education substantially meets all of the requirements for the license; or

(2) a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse who holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for an occupational license filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a license filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 807 passed the Senate on April 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 807 passed the House on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor